Funds for crop insurance

2421. SHRI T.T. V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for crop insurance during the last three years;

(b) the details of crop insurance claims disbursed during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the acres/hectares of crops covered during each of those years; and

(d) the steps taken to increase crop coverage and widen the nature of insurance cover?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Details of funds allocated for National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) during last three years are given as under:—

Year	Funds Allocated under B.E. (Rs. in crores)
2003-04	637.93
2004-05	350.00
2005-06*	550.00

*The budget for 2005-06 has increased to Rs.750.95 crore at Revised Estimates stage.

(b) A statement indicating State-wise details of claims disbursed during last three years is annexed. (*See* below).

(c) Areas covered under NAIS during last three years are given as under:—

Year	Area Covered under NAIS (hectares in crores)
2003-04	1.96
2004-05	1.88
2005-06	2.96

(d) In order to make improvements and to enhance the coverage of the scheme, a Joint Group was constituted to study the improvements required in the existing scheme. The Joint Group has submitted its report and have given a number of recommendations which *inter alia* include reduction in the unit area of insurance, improvement in the calculation of threshold yield, higher indemnity level, coverages of pre sowing/post-harvest losses and perennial horticultural crops. Keeping in view the recommendations of the Joint Group, the Government, at present, is in the process of reviewing NAIS.

Statement

NAIS-State-wise claims disbursed during the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	2002-03 Claims Paid	2003-04 Claims Paid	2004-05 Claims Paid
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26089.52	21491.66	9296.85
2.	Assam	1.99	34.55	State's Prem. sub. awaited
3.	Bihar	1480.56	2638.30	21184.71
4.	Chhattisgarh	8455.03	5.17	337.78
5.	Goa	0.00	0.00	State's Prem. Sub. awaited
6.	Gujarat	72799.00	585.49	1301.78
7.	Haryana	Not implemented	Not implemented	133.35
8.	Himachal Pradesh	446.41	0.16	2.55
9.	Jharkhand	23.67	267.70	1006.38
10.	Karnataka	29558.19	50720.29	State's share awaited
11.	Kerala	61.90	624.80	38.68
12.	Madhya Pradesh	22431.55	876.74	5969.40
13.	Maharashtra	4475.60	29558.46	13005.76
14.	Meghalaya	State's share awaited	0.00	State's share awaited
15.	Orissa	24521.86	1830.79	1504.79

1	2	3	4	5
16.	Rajasthan	Not implemented	14.19	14333.79
17.	Sikkim	1.28	0.00	0.00
18.	Tamil Nadu	3402.07	894.48	3871.59
19.	Tripura	3.31	3.66	3.85
20.	Uttar Pradesh	2811.31	3695.92	11704.66
21.	Uttaranchal	2.92	32.63	1.87
22.	West Bengal	4374.47	681.17	1861.73
23.	A & N Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00
24.	Pondicherry	32.41	15.39	34.75
25.	Jammu & Kashmir	Not implemented	Not implemented	Under Process
	TOTAL:	200973.05	113971.55	85594.27

BPL farmers in Maharashtra

2422. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to know the number of farmers living Below Poverty Line in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the welfare schemes that have been implemented for the farmers of the State; and

(d) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the State during the last four years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Planning Commission on the basis of the results of 'Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers', NSS 59th Round (Jan-Dec, 2003) has estimated the incidence of poverty among the farmers. According to the data available from that survey (Report No.495(59/33/4), it has been estimated that 22.84 percentage of farmers in Maharashtra live below the poverty line and the number of poor farmers is estimated approximately as 77.12 lakhs.

(c) This Ministry has been implementing schemes/programmes in Maharashtra State for increasing production of agriculture crops, which in turn benefit the farmers. Certain schemes which are being implemented